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## Blowing Rock Making Many Improvements

(Lenoir special to Greensboro News.)

The winter season has been a busy one at Blowing Rock. Contractors and builders have been in great demand for building new summer cottages. Advantage has been taken of all the open weather in building and making preparations for the coming season.

Among some of the most attractive new summer homes under construction are those of Ross Cannon, near the Green Park hotel, and Mr. Howell's, in the northern section of the village. Mr. Cannon's cottage is being erected at a cost of about \$20,000 and will be one of the most attractive summer homes on the mountain.

By far the greatest development on the mountain is that of the Mayview Development company, organized by W. L. Alexander, of Charlotte. Mr. Alexander is developing this Mayview Park property on an extensive scale. Several miles of improved roadways have been built. Complete water, sewage and electric systems have been, or are being constructed on the property. Contractors have recently begun work on the erection of 15 ready-cut houses, bought from a new firm just established in this state. These houses will be ready before the summer season opens. A 30-room club house is also being built on the property.

Last season every hotel on the mountain was overrun during the entire season. This has caused several hotel owners to begin to make arrangements on a larger scale for the coming season. The Blowing Rock hotel recently purchased by Donald Boyden, of Knoxville, Tenn., will undergo renovation. Several additions will be added so as to increase the capacity for guests. For the past 14 years this hotel has been managed by Geo. E. and John K. Moore who gave it up to devote their entire time to other commercial life. Friends of the Messrs Moore will regret that they will not be found in the village the coming season.

One of the greatest attractions for the Blowing Rock country this year will be the great mileage of improved roads through Watauga county. This county has continued road construction on every day weather would permit. Engineer Cole hopes to get the road leading across the ridge from Boone to the Wilkes county line where it will be met with a road from the Wilkesboros and to Winston-Salem and Greensboro. This is the Boone highway and when it is completed it promises to be one of the greatest drawing cards for this popular resort country. The turnpike from Blowing Rock to Boone has been accepted by the state highway commission and the federal government for construction under government specifications and as a part of the state system of county seat to county seat high ways. The toll gates have already been taken down between Blowing Rock and Boone.

From Blowing Rock to Lenoir construction work on the turnpike has been kept up all during the winter. Several changes in the location have been made. Fords have been averted by building around hills. Most all the winter this road has been in very good shape.

The survey on the road between Lenoir and Hickory has been practically completed and will soon be ready for the state highway commission to advertise for bids for its construction. The new survey eliminates many of

## Baptist Leaders For Hoover

Several days ago The Journal called attention to the strong support given Mr. Hoover for the Democratic nomination for President by Charity and Children, one of the most widely circulated Baptist papers in the State. We are now pleased to see that the Biblical Recorder, official organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, is equally strong for Hoover. That paper says:

"How about Mr. Hoover? The politicians do not want him, but, judging from the expressions we see in the press, it looks as if the people do want him.

"Mr. Hoover says he is not a candidate, but that is not against him. Indeed, we believe the mass of our people do not care much about what a man professes to believe, politically, if he has shown capacity to do things, and this Mr. Hoover certainly has done. If neither party knows just where he stands as a party man, and if either could nominate him on the platform which he has announced it looks as if the people would be satisfied with his platform. It may be that there will be such a popular demand for Mr. Hoover that one of the parties will be forced to nominate him, and perhaps, the other endorse him. That would be a strange thing to happen in American politics, but this is a day when strange things are happening.

"People have become sick and tired of the way politics is being played in Washington. The President and the Senate are at loggerheads while the world is on fire. The masses are getting quite enough of politics, and would be willing to take someone for president who does not have the reputation of being a 'shrewd politician.'

Of course, Baptist leaders never enter politics in their official capacity. It is against the fundamental principles of the Baptist denomination to mix church and state, but the personal influence among Baptists of North Carolina of the editors of those two denominational papers is tremendous. What they say about Hoover will carry great weight far and wide among both Democrats and Republicans. Their outspoken attitude is but another proof of the big and growing following Mr. Hoover has in North Carolina for the Democratic nomination.

Just now it looks like those leaders who have heretofore been able to wield most effective influence over the Democratic State Convention will stand for an un-instructed delegation to San Francisco. That would be the next best thing to sending North Carolina's delegates solidly instructed for Hoover. If our delegation goes uninstructed we believe it can counted on to join forces with those who want to pick a winner. Hoover is that.—Winston-Salem Journal.

The Tax assessors have been assisting the owners of property in the village in filling out their questionnaires for the past few days, and many of the older citizens of the town who have been considered men of very limited means, awoke to the fact that they were in possession of property to the amount of many thousands of dollars—on paper. Good to feel well-to-do once.

The dangerous curves. The dangerous double curve at the Conley bridge, the scene of one fatality and several serious accidents has been straightened and placed on a better grade.

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## A Litter of Pigs, or a Political Puzzle.

Once upon a time there was an old sow that was blessed with a large litter of beautiful piglets; and she was very proud of them, for they were all of the masculine gender. She was wont to lay in the comfortable slime of her domain, let the little squealers crawl over her large hulk, and think of the promise that lay before them. With a mother's natural pride she watched them as they crawled about, feeling their way gingerly as if they were not quite sure of their footing. Thus she watched them grow from day to day. Sometimes one would gain in weight and another would lose, and vice versa. All the things that usually befall a large litter of pigs befell these. There was the sad day when the mother rolled over and killed several of the most sickly. She did not grieve long, however, for there were so many others to feed and look after. At times human beings would come to the sty and admire the fine family.

One of the little suckers seemed to puzzle the visitors a great deal. They looked at him as if he were a freak. They would prod him with a stick, and he would musically and run to his mother's side for protection. The little fellow grew with unbelievable rapidity, and his brothers looked on him with envy. The big sleek human beings had become daily visitors, and different groups of them seemed to have their favorites among the little pigs. The little pig that grew so fast, however, was not easy to befriend; they would offer him sugar out of their hands, but he would only sniff it contemptuously and run back to his mother's side. All of the human beings seemed anxious to make friends with him, but the bashful little fellow was apparently afraid of them. The old sow loved him a great deal and watched his rapid growth with pride. When he would run to her side she would nose him caressingly and grunt: "He-rrb, He-rrb, Hoof, Hoof." And then the politicians, for that is what the human beings were, would shake their heads and walk away.—Exchange.

## Mr. Jordan Hardin Passes.

Our townsman, Mr. John F. Hardin, received the sad intelligence a few days since that his brother, Mr. Jordan Hardin, after a protracted illness, died at his Oregon home a few days previous. Mr. Hardin, many years ago left the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hardin, near town, to seek a fortune in the west, and has made only two visits to the county of his nativity since. Before leaving he was married to Miss Nannie Kitzmiller, of Washington county, Tenn., and reared a large family of children. He was a tireless worker, succeeded well; was a true type of the Southern gentleman, and the news of his death has brought sadness to the hearts of many relatives and friends in Watauga.

The road survey from Green Park Hotel to Boone is progressing nicely, that is, when the weather will permit. Engineer Reller, with a small crew of helpers, were told by Mr. Roby Greer, of Middle Fork, surveyed, located and staked, ready for the grading force, two miles the first four days they worked. At this rate, the survey on this particular road, will not amount to a very great deal.

## North Carolina's Vast Lead.

Some inspiring revelations of North Carolina's industrial supremacy are embraced in Clark's Annual Spindle and Knitting Machine List, which appears in this week's edition of Southern Textile Bulletin. One fact of particular interest to the textile world is that the year has marked the passing of South Carolina by this state in number of spindles, in which the Palmetto State has held place above North Carolina. The existing status is 5,070,756 spindles for this state against 4,987,415 for South Carolina. But it would seem that is only a starter, because, when outstanding orders are in, North Carolina will have taken a lead that would make catching up by any other State appear a hopeless task. North Carolina has 477,000 spindles "on order," against 79,740 for South Carolina. It is explained by The Bulletin that this state of affairs has been brought about by the fact that the cotton manufacturers of S. Carolina conceived the idea four years ago that prices of machinery and building were too high and that they would wait for a lower basis. But, instead of lower prices there has been a steady increase and the cost of building a mill is now much higher than it was in 1914. North Carolina now has 477,939 spindles under construction, a far larger number than any other Southern State, the next closest competitor being Georgia, with 112,852. North Carolina leads the South in knitting machines in operation, the number being placed at 19,291, Tennessee being second, but a long way behind, with 9,820. And again North Carolina leads in knitting machine increase, having installed 1,560 during the past year, against 679 for Tennessee, the next highest in rank. A striking incident in demonstration of the rapid development of textile industries now under way in this State is set forth by The Bulletin in the simple statement that either Gastonia or Belmont, in Gaston County, "has more spindles on order than the entire State of South Carolina.—Charlotte Observer.

## A Pretty Home Wedding.

[Too late for last week.]

A wedding characterized by beauty and simplicity was solemnized at the home of Mr. Elbert Farthing on Sunday, February 22, at 1 o'clock p. m., when his daughter, Miss Mattie Mae, became the bride of Mr. George D. Eller, Rev. J. H. Farthing being the officiating clergyman; only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessing the ceremony.

When the tones of the wedding march, played by Messrs. Carter and Fred Farthing, were heard, the bridal party entered the parlor, Miss Mae Wilson as maid of honor and Mr. Carl Farthing as best man. Then came the bride and groom who took their position beneath the bridal arch, which had been tastefully decorated with ferns.

The bride carried a lovely bouquet of carnations, the bridesmaid also carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

After the ceremony the tones of the wedding march began again, and the bridal party marched into the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was served. The table almost groaned under its load, and every one present enjoyed the dinner immensely.

The bride is a very popular young lady is one of Watauga's choice girls, and has very many

## NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga county, in Superior court, before the clerk, Elk Creek Lumber Company, et al. VS. heirs at law of Avery Penley, deceased, names unknown. A petition has been filed in this court entitled as above alleging that the petitioner, Elk Creek Lumber Company is the owner of an undivided five-sixths interest and the defendants above named are the owners of an undivided one-sixth interest in certain lands in Watauga county described in a deed registered in book No. 4 at page 294, in the Registers office in said county, and praying that the court decree a sale of the said lands for partition among the several tenants in common, according to their respective rights and interests and it appearing that the names of the defendant heirs at law are unknown and cannot, after due diligence, be ascertained by the Petitioner. And it further appearing from said petition that this proceeding relates to real estate situated in Watauga county, North Carolina, in which said unknown defendants own, or have, or claim to own or have, some estate or interest. It is ordered that said unknown defendants be required to appear before the clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county at his office in Boone, North Carolina, on Monday the 6th day of March 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon and answer the petition filed herein or the relief demanded will be granted. This 7th day of February 1920.

O. L. COFFEY, Clerk Superior Court.

## Entry Notice No. 2546

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker of said county.

N. H. Earp locates and enters 50 acres of land more or less, on the waters of Baird's Creek, in Watauga township beginning on a black gum N H Earp corner, running north with said Earp line to a white Oak corner, to a 10 acre tract belonging to the J. F. Testers heirs, thence west with line of said 10 acre tract to a stake in Rachel Tester line thence south with said line to W. H. Mast's line thence various courses to the beginning. Entered Feb 2, 1920 H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

## Entry Notice No. 2548

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county.

H. W. Presnell locates and enters 3 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Laurel Creek, in Laurel Creek township. Beginning on the Elie Presnell Grant corner and runs east 40 poles to a stake, thence south with a branch 25 poles to a stake, thence west 30 poles to a stake, thence north to the beginning. Entered February 11, 1920. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

## Entry Notice No. 2549

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county.

Joseph Presnell locates and enters the following described piece of land, lying and being in the county of Watauga, Watauga township and bounded as follows: Beginning on a chestnut, Billy Mast's corner, and runs east with Mast's line 60 poles to Noah Earp line, then north with Earp's line 40 poles to a white oak, corner of the 10 acre Jim Teaster tract, thence west with the line of said tract to the line of the 50 acre tract, thence south with said line to the beginning containing 15 acres more or less. Entered Feb 12, 1920. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

## State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation

## GOOD STOCK FOR SALE.

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R. L. Honeycut.

friends.

The groom is a very promising young man and has a host of friends. The happy couple will leave in a short time for Hornick, Iowa, where they will make their future home.

GUEST.

## Call for Election in Town of Blowing Rock

North Carolina, Watauga county, Town of Blowing Rock.

Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of Feb. 1920 a meeting of the town commissioners of the town of Blowing Rock was held and the following ordinance passed by the board: The clerk of the board having presented to the board a petition signed by more than thirty three and one third per centum of the registered voters of the registered voters of the said town asking that the ordinance passed by the board on Nov. 6 1919 providing for a bond issue for street improvement etc. be submitted to the voters of the said municipality. It is now on motion of W. L. Crisp commissioner, seconded by Joe White commissioner and carried by unanimous vote, ordered and adjudged by the board that the said petition is in all respects sufficient: It is further ordered by the board that a special election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held at the voting precinct in the said town of Blowing Rock on the 30th day of March 1920 to vote upon the said ordinance passed by the said board on the 6th day of November 1919.

At the said election all those who desire to vote for the said ordinance shall make an X in the square opposite the words "For the ordinance," and those opposed the said ordinance shall make an X in the square opposite the words "Against the ordinance." It is further ordered that this notice be published in The Watauga Democrat and posted at the door of the town Hall. This February 2, 1920.

G. C. ROBBINS, Mayor. W. L. CRISP JOE WHITE J. M. HODGES, Commissioners G. C. ROBBINS, Town clerk.

## NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga County, Town of Blowing Rock.

Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of Feb. 1920 a meeting of the board of town commissioners of the town of Blowing Rock was held, when and where the following proceedings were had. Ordered by a unanimous vote of the board that H. E. Coffey be and he is hereby appointed Registrar for the said town of Blowing Rock for the special election ordered to be held on the 30th day of March 1920 at the regular voting place in the said town, and G. S. Watts and Ed Robbins were appointed judges for the said election to be held on the said 30th day of March 1920. The said registrar and Judges will conduct the said registration and the said elections as provided by law. This notice to be posted and published as provided by law. This Feb. 2, 1920.

G. C. ROBBINS, Mayor. W. D. CRISP J. M. HODGES JOE WHITE, Commissioners. G. C. ROBBINS, Town clerk.

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